

Ein Lied von dem kostbaren Jesus Blut. Pennsylvania?, c. 1750?.

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Mr. George Heilborn 6024-8-Street, NW, Washington 11, D.C.

Dear Mr. Heilborn:

I am afraid that you have presented us with a difficult problem. I do not know of any way to identify or date the little song which you have. It is one of those rare, ephemeral printings of which yours may well be the only copy which has survived. Until such time as a thorough type study has been made of Pennsylvania German types, I would not know how to surely pin it down. I am sorry not to be able to be of help to you.

Sincerely, Edwin Wolf
Edwin Wolf, 2nd Librarian

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March 15, 1956

Mr. George Heilborn 6024 8th Street, N.W. Washington 11, D.C.

Dear Mr. Heilborn:

I have checked your photostat with the material that is in the Henry S. Borneman Pennsylvania German Collection, but I do not find any broadsides similar to the one which you found in your



Ephrate Martyrs' Mirror. Our collection is particularly rich in early books from the presses of Ephrata, Germantown, and Philadelphia, but our broadsides are principally the manuscript birth and baptismal certificates, writing exercises, house blessings and pious texts of Pennsylvania German "fraktur".

I am enclosing your two photostats, one of which was sent to us from the University of Pennsylvania. The type face of your broadside would strongly suggest that it is from either the Ephrata or Sauer press of the 1740's or 1750's. I am sorry that we can not give you any definite information on the matter. I suggest that you write Dr. Alfred L. Shoemaker at The Pennsylvania Dutch Folklore Center, Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa. who may be able to give you the information you wish.

Sincerely, Susan A. Smith Susan A. Smith Reference Librarian

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